

I am currently an instructor of Television at Modesto Junior College. Prior to this I worked for two local PBS stations. I am a firm believer in every community having public access TV available to them. In Modesto there are no local TV stations, over the years Public Access TV has enable it's residents to have their voice heard - with - truly LOCAL ISSUES!! In talk shows my students have helped produced public access programs covering everything from local history to the disappearing farm land...The closest broadcast station is 90 miles away - SO THIS COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON PUBLIC ACCESS FOR LOCAL COVERAGE - PRODUCED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS!!!!!! Cable TV needs Public Access!!! Direct Satellite Television NEVER INCLUDES LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING. My husband works for the city and we watch city council coverage every week. The FCC in years past has already stripped public access from being a major cable provider obligation to its city contract...PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE LAST AVENUE FOR CONSISTANT LOCAL REVENUE BY "reconsidering" YOUR rulemaking on local franchising.